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THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER, the quarterly journal of the Section of International Law and Practice, has come to mean a great deal to the Section in recent years. There was a time, however, when THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER was perceived as a rather uneven publication even by the practitioners it was designed to serve, but those days are gone. Today, THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER is enjoying a great resurgence. Its coverage has expanded greatly, and in my judgment, its quality has been substantially enhanced. The publication has become an important tool for practitioners, who are now provided with serious analyses of contemporary legal questions relating primarily, although not exclusively, to the practice of private international commercial transactions.

This journal has the largest readership of any international law journal in the world, and is cited more and more frequently by other international law journals and books, a sure sign of influence and value to practitioners of both public and private law, here and abroad. Its symposia, articles, special reports, short articles, comments, casenotes, current developments, bibliography, and book reviews, all by lawyers throughout the international community, have made the journal highly desirable, if not necessary, reading for international law practitioners.

The journal has a very special relationship to the Section of International Law and Practice. It is not the Section's "mouthpiece," but as the only publication permitting a wide dissemination of Section views it does often reflect Section views or opinions of particular members. It is hoped that the journal will continue to attract members to the Section of International Law and Practice, both in the United States and overseas.

The journal has established a unique role for itself in the development of international law. There is no higher praise for a publication and there can be no greater significance.

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